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PARDON GRANTED NEGRO PRISONER

Boy Serving Five-Year Term for
Manslaughter Released by
Governor.

DATE FOR RATE HEARING

R., F. & P. Case Comes Up January 24—Farmers' Institutes
Near Richmond.

Governor Mann yesterday granted a conditional pardon to Ben Staples, colored, who is serving a term of five years in the penitentiary for manslaughter. Staples was convicted in Albemarle county.

The petition asking for clemency in this case was largely signed by citizens, and was endorsed by the prosecuting attorney, as well as the Mayor and Chief of Police of Charlottesville, where Staples lived. The papers say that the boy was but eighteen years old at the time of the killing in December, 1908, that his assailant was older and larger than he, that he had previously borne a good reputation, and that the petitioners believe the ends of justice will be met by a conditional pardon, considering that part of the term has been served. His prison record has been good.

DATE SET FOR HEARING

R., F. & P. Passenger Rate Case Comes Up on January 24.

The State Corporation Commission, yesterday set January 24 as the date for the hearing on the petition of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad Company for permission to increase its maximum intrastate passenger rate from 2 to 3 cents per mile.

This petition, which was recently filed, set forth much the same claims which were adduced in the hearing on a similar request on the part of the Washington-Southern Railway Company, another branch of the Richmond-Washington system. These are to the effect that the purely intrastate business of the company is done at a loss to the stockholders, and that to give a reasonable return on the investment, the road should be allowed to charge 3 cents per mile.

The practice which has grown up as a result of the discrepancy between intrastate and interstate rates, whereby passengers buy their tickets to and from Alexandria, instead of to and from Washington, is known the country over.

In the case of the Washington-Southern, the Corporation Commission denied the petition, but entered an order permitting the road to charge a rate of 2 1/2 cents, which is uniform with the charge of the other trunk lines of the State. The Washington-Southern was not, however, satisfied with this decision, and took an appeal to the Supreme Court, where the case

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ENTICED GIRLS AWAY FROM HOME

Show Men on Trial in Federal
Court on Serious

Charge.

Greensboro, N. C., December 8.—In the United States Court, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, District Attorney Holton called the cases against Charles Quaster and Joseph Napier, the two proprietors of traveling shows, who are under indictment, charged with enticing young girls from their homes under promise of lucrative and genteel employment.

In default of bond the men have been in jail two months. Apparently they were not excited, and took their seats beside their attorneys, W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, and McRae and Stewart, of Charlotte.

Standing just in the rear was a long line of government witnesses, twelve of them being young women, who are alleged to have been enticed from their homes, and have been in custody of the government as prosecuting witnesses for over a week.

Little time was required to secure a jury. In the two bills of indictment, the defendants are charged with conspiracy to bring certain young girls

from the city of Danville into North Carolina, with immoral purpose. Other counts charge that two girls were enticed from Baltimore into North Carolina. The conspiracy counts are drawn under the old statute, 5449, and the other counts are under the recent act of Congress, known as the white slave traffic act.

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HOLDING INSTITUTES

Two Farmers' Meetings in Chesterfield County Yesterday.

The farmers' institute forces of the Department of Agriculture operated close to Richmond yesterday. In the morning a meeting was held at Centralia, and in the afternoon at Chester, both in Chesterfield county, on the Atlantic Coast Line.

The concluding series of institutes for the year was begun out of Danville Monday morning. The trip for three days was over the branch of the Southern between Danville and Stuart, in Patrick county, two institutes a day being held. Then a hurried trip was made to Richmond, in order to fill yesterday's dates.

J. J. Owen, the director of institutes, took the force to Centralia yesterday morning, and came back to the city for a few hours. He said that splendid crowds had attended the meetings at practically all the points on the Southern, and that the greatest interest had been manifested.

Points on the Coast Line will be visited until Saturday afternoon. On Monday morning a new start will be made on the Southern out of Norfolk and running to Danville. The series will end on December 20.

INCREASES CAPITAL

Railroad in Wise County Will Spend Additional Half-Million.

An amendment was issued yesterday by the State Corporation Commission to the charter of the Interstate Railroad Company, increasing its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000. This is taken to mean that the company will build additional lines or else add materially to its equipment.

The railroad is in Wise county, constructed for the purpose of getting to and from coal operations. The main line is from Norton up to Stonewall, 13.35 miles long, while there are two small branches, one from Mud Lick Junction to Roda, 3.3 miles, and the other from Arro Junction to Arro, 1.11 miles.

REQUISITION GRANTED

Prisoner Must Go to Washington, Bringing Habeas Corpus.

After considering the protest of Joseph Gardner, alias M. Cohen, wanted at Olympia, Wash., for securing property under false pretenses, Governor Mann yesterday decided to grant the requisition asked for by the Executive of the State of Washington. Under Sheriff Stringer left yesterday afternoon for Norfolk.

While the Governor could not see his way clear to refuse the requisition, inasmuch as the papers were regularly made out, it was stated that the prisoner might make application for habeas corpus from the Norfolk courts.

The contention on the part of Gardner was that the proceedings were an attempt to collect a debt instead of a matter of criminal prosecution.

DEALERS WILL NOT LOSE

Publishers Required to Take Back Displaced Schoolbooks.

Notice to retail book dealers in Virginia was issued yesterday as follows by Secretary R. C. Stearnes, of the State Board of Education:

"The recent high school contracts with the State Board of Education require the publishers of textbooks to take all the shelf stock in merchantable condition which is displaced by the books embraced in their contracts off the hands of the dealers of the State and to credit the dealers with the net cost of such books."

"At a meeting of the State Board of Education, held on October 4, it was determined that the books to be thus redeemed were those on the shelves of retail dealers at the time the contracts

were signed on September 9, and applied only to books which should be offered to the publishers on or before January 10, 1911.

"This action does not apply to the exchange of books in the hands of pupils, which will continue up to September 15, 1911."

"This notice is given in pursuance of the order of the board."

MILITARY ORDERS

Instructions Issued Regarding Inspection and Care of Property.

Explicit instructions as to the care of military property, the annual inventory inspection, the charges for shortages and the rules as to requisitions were issued yesterday in the shape of an order by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale. The order follows:

Commonwealth of Virginia,
Adjutant-General's Office,
Richmond, December 3, 1910.
General Orders, No. 39.
I.—The terms of paragraph VII, G. O. No. 24, this office, June 17, 1910, are amended to read as follows:

An annual inventory inspection will be made of the property of all organizations before the 1st day of December of each year, and also for the purpose of ascertaining:

(a) List of deficiencies, with explanation as to how they occurred.
(b) List of unserviceable and obsolete articles which should be replaced and charged off the organization's property accounts.
(c) Ability of the quartermaster-sergeant and efficiency of his work.

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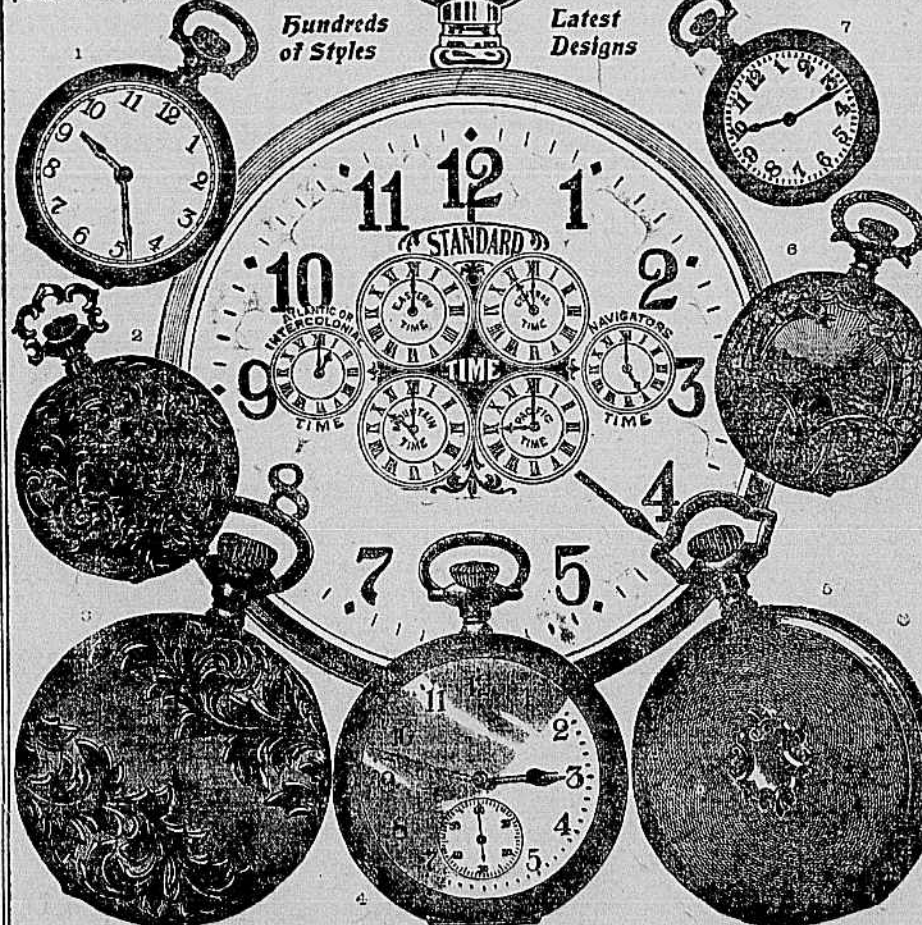
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